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RETURN THIS MEMO TO: CP4-6D28SUBJECT: Decision on Terminal Disclaimer (T.D.) filed: 09-Apr-02

INSTRUCTIONS: I have reviewed the submitted T.D. with the results as set forth below. If you agree, please use the appropriate form paragraphs identified by this informal memo in your next Office action to notify applicant of the T.D. If you disagree or have any questions, please see me or the Special Program Examiner. THIS IS AN INFORMAL, INTERNAL MEMO ONLY. IT MUST NOT BE (1) MAILED TO APPLICANT OR (2) PLACED OF RECORD IN THE APPLICATION FILE. When your action is complete, please initial, date and return this memo to me. THANK YOU.

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 - The T.D. lacks the enforceable only during common ownership clause – needed to overcome a non-statutory double patenting rejection, Rule 321(b) (see § 14.27.01).
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 - Other:
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In re Application of: Dennison et al.

Application No. 09/488,099

Filed: January 18, 2000

For: METHOD FOR MAKING ELECTRICAL CONTACT WITH AN ACTIVE AREA THROUGH SUB-MICRON CONTACT OPENINGS AND A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE



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